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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8747**  
Norihito SHIMONO et al. : Docket No. 2002\_0055A  
Serial No. 10/048,063 : Group Art Unit 1615  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned Attorney of Record as to the present status of the  
above-entitled application and advise when an Official Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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